

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

March 7, 2004

- 2:00pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Tim R.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Henry D.
RSC Co-Chair	Hadi M.
Secretary	Michele M.
Treasurer	Dick R.
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	<i>Position Open</i>
PI/Helpline	Tim R.
Activities	Steve D.
Policy	Nancy O.
Meeting List	Mike D.
Regional Delegate	Jim H.
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Beehive	Nancy E.
RCM Bucks Co.	Diane S.
RCM Mont. Co.	Walter E.
RCM Pure & Simple	<i>Not Present</i>

- Quorum met.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.

Regional Delegate Report: It has been an exiting month for me as RD. I attended MARLCNA on Feb. 14 and 15. This was a very informative weekend. I learned a lot about the background of many of the motions in the CAR. I also got to hear many different points of view on several subjects, enabling me to bring more information to the region. I also met many people from the WSC, and RDs from around the world. I have gotten much information on many of the issues surrounding a new region being seated at the WSC. There is entirely too much information on both of these subjects to write them in this report. I have a receipt for \$20.00 for the money the region gave me to pay for the registration. At MARLCNA I met with the RD from C and P region, and he helped me get two copies of the Guide to World Service. The Price of these two Guides is \$7.40. I have an invoice from Free State Regional service center, and will submit a motion for this to be paid. The Autonomy Zone met for lunch and discussed CAR issues, as well as the meeting that will take place at the World service conference. Our votes for the CAR will be submitted through our parent Region GPRSCNA. I have copies of the Tally sheets for us to give the Philly RD. I have been invited to a CAR workshop to be held next Saturday at 2:00 in Bucks county Area. Any other Areas that wish for me to attend a workshop please let me know so I can get it in my schedule. I have a lot to offer on the CAR, and would love to share it. As well as the CAR I have a copy of the CAT. The Conference Approval Tract is a list of all of the project plans time lines and budgets for all upcoming WSC projects. These include literature projects, as well as PR projects and others. These were previously approved projects from the previous CAR that are give declines and budgets. It is over thirty pages therefore I did not make copies of it. I have it here for anyone to see if they wish.

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Regional Delegate Report (cont.): I have researched the cost of sending someone to the WSC. The airfare would be \$300.00 to \$350.00. Each night in the hotel where the conference is held will be \$108.00 without a roommate. Also Rds are given a \$45.00 per diem for food. I think it would be beneficial to send myself or someone else to the conference. The Car votes could be brought to the RD directly.

Subcommittee Reports

Meeting List Committee: Jillian and myself continue to attend the Philadelphia Regional meeting list subcommittee to share efforts in correcting the meeting list. Progress is being made. Forms have been submitted from Lower Bucks, Pure and Simple, and Montco. Beehive's will be submitted within the next week and will be entered in for the next printing. Talks regarding a multi-regional meeting list continue. More than likely, the printing after next will reflect the cooperative efforts of both regions. Philadelphia Region requested a rep come to the next regional weekend to discuss the multi-regional meeting list.

In loving service, Mike S.

PI: *See attachment.*

Policy: The policy committee met today in attendance was the RSC Chair and myself. We went over the existing policies and compared to what would apply for this region's policy. I have put together a committee of addicts to develop a policy. We will be meeting at my house Friday, March 12th at 6pm. Anyone wanting to attend are welcome. Please call me (my phone# is 267-251-8219) for address and directions. I also will meet at the next region.

In loving service, Nancy O.

Activities: As stated in last months report, this committee cannot operate without the support of its members. Fran, activities chair from Montco, did contact me to let me know she could not attend this month's meeting. The co-chair of the Beehive Area did attend our meeting and brought us up to date on all the functions their area is planning. These functions will be posted on the regional calendar. See attachment for up to date area functions within the EPRNA.

Area Reports

Beehive: Our area meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at Central United Methodist Church at the corner of Academy and Franklin Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Literature is sold from 1pm to 1:45pm, area begins at 2pm. I am the new RCM. We are hosting a learning day, sponsored by our convention committee on Saturday, March 20th from 12 to 12 right here. Speakers, workshops, dinner, and dance. We have 3 campouts scheduled for the upcoming summer as fundraisers

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Area Reports (cont.)

Beehive (cont.): for our November convention. Our logo contest is open until April 30th. Financially our area is holding its own. I hope to have a donation next month.

In loving service, Nancy E.

Bucks County: My report for this month is relatively brief as I was very ill last weekend and unable to attend Area Service. Bucks County Area has been exceedingly strong as “old heads” are now coming back to service on an area level. Bill S. was elected “acting” Policy Chair as nominations went back to the groups for voting next month. Our Unit Committee is hosting a “Learning Day” next Saturday, March 13th at The First Baptist Church of Levittown, 6131 Emilie Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania starting @ 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm with Sub Committee workshops including the CAR Report @ 2:00 pm. Jim H., our RD will be assisting the RCM and myself in this event. The main speaker is @ 5:00 pm and will be Alan P. from Montco. Dinner is from 6-9 pm followed by a dance till 1:00 am. Please come on out!!! My Area Report consisted of asking all Sub Committees and JAC members to please funnel all activities, events, etc. to Steve D., our Activities Chair to alleviate repetitive announcements for Linda W and myself. In addition, communication between everyone will go much more smoothly thus less stress and confusion! No donation will be given this month as Bucks is in financial distress at this time. In loving Service, Diane S.

Montgomery County: All is well. More and more groups continue to show up and participation is growing at the area level. We had 19 groups total at our last area meeting. Our area donation this month is \$135.00, which will be mailed to Dick R. by Todd S. (Montco Area Treasurer). Montco Area meets the last Sunday of the month at Suburban General Hospital in Norristown, PA at noon.

In loving service, Walter E.

Pure and Simple: *Not present.*

Adhoc Committee Report: Henry D. suggests St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Red Hill, PA as a permanent facility for regional services.

Treasurer Report

- Sheila Berry from the RSO gave Mike S. the following information to pass on to the EPARSC treasurer: As of now, all groups in the EPA Region are insured. If we incorporate we will lose our coverage and get our own insurance. They can purchase a their insurance from Vista International Insurance. The contact person is Allison Nalducci. I spoke to Allison and she couldn’t see any problem with us staying on the RSO policy and incorporation was not a concern. I did ask about a

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proposal for us to insure ourselves and she said that because we don't have a business office that group liability is not available. She is not aware of any

Treasurer Report (cont.)

company that would just issue a policy for our region group meeting places. I did put our incorporation papers on hold until the RSO and Vista come to an agreement.

- This month's transactions:

Check#	Description	Amount
	Opening Balance	2600.00
103	Voided Check to Incorporate	100.00
	Montco Donation (via mail)	135.00
	Subtotal after Donations/Credit	2835.00
	Checks ordered	-16.00
110	Two Guides to World Service	-7.40
	Closing Balance	2811.60

Old Business

No old business this month.

New Business

- **Motion by Rd** *To pay the Free State Regional Service Center \$7.40 to pay for the two Guides to World Service. Intent is for the RSC to be financially responsible for needed materials. Motion passes (U.)*
- **Motion by PI** *To create the EPARNA Regional Website. Estimated financial impact = \$160. Intent is to better serve the region as a whole and the still sick and suffering addict. Motion goes back to the areas.*
- **Motion by Diane S.** *To finalize Region's meeting place in Red Hill, PA at St. Lutheran's Church, Fry and Church Streets. Intent is to centralize our meeting location for stability. Motion passes (7-4-0)*

Open Forum

- **Shared Services** Discussion of combining subcommittee efforts between EPARSC and GPRSC. Hadi will be attending the next Philly Region.
- **Sending the RD to CAR** Discussion regarding whether or not to send the RD to CAR this year. No motions made.

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- 4:30pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.

The Next Regional Services will take place:

April 4, 2004 at 2pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hill, PA

Fry and Church Streets

Subcommittees at 1pm

For directions contact Henry D. 215-725-5313

Positions Open at Region:

Co-Secretary • Co-Treasurer • RD Alternate • H&I Chair • Lit. Review Chair